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We invite staff in both Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General to read the [Post-Election Update](#) that was posted on the @Work website Friday. The update summarizes the recent provincial general election results, the next steps in the process that finalizes election results, and outlines our responsibilities as public servants during this period.

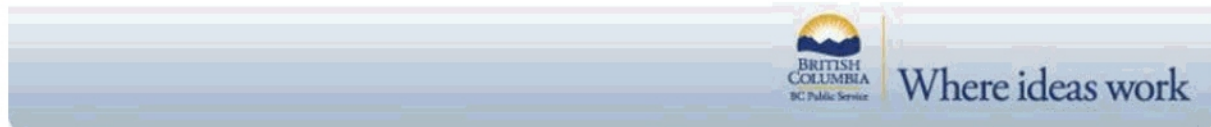
Please contact either of our offices should you have any questions regarding your role as a public servant up to the point at which a new Cabinet is established.

Thank you for your continued efforts and diligent work.

Sincerely,

Richard Fyfe, QC
Deputy Attorney General and
Deputy Minister, Justice

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Deputy Solicitor General





Post-Election Update

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The provincial general election took place on Tuesday, May 9 and now the rest of the electoral process unfolds. According to the preliminary results released by Elections BC for each of B.C.'s 87 ridings (or electoral districts), the counts are:

- BC Liberals elected in 43 ridings
- New Democratic Party elected in 41 ridings
- BC Green Party elected in three ridings

Finalizing the election results

The preliminary results are based on the [initial count](http://electionsbccnr.blob.core.windows.net/electionsbccnr/initial_count.pdf) (http://electionsbccnr.blob.core.windows.net/electionsbccnr/initial_count.pdf), and do not include [absentee ballots](http://electionsbccnr.blob.core.windows.net/electionsbccnr/final_count.pdf) (http://electionsbccnr.blob.core.windows.net/electionsbccnr/final_count.pdf), which Elections BC last counted at 176,104. The process for conducting the final count and confirming who will be forming a government is as follows:

- **Request for Recount of Initial Count (May 10 – 12):** A candidate may request a recount of the initial count in instances where there is less than 100-vote difference between the two leading candidates.
- **Final Count (May 22 – 24):** During this time, a count of absentee ballots not included in the initial count takes place. As well, any recounts of initial counts that were requested occur during this period. Once the final count is complete, the winning candidate in each riding is confirmed.
- **Judicial Recounts (May 25 – 31):** After the final count results, there are six days in which an application can be made to the Supreme Court of British Columbia for a judicial recount. If a judicial recount occurs, the winning candidate in that electoral district is not known until the recount is completed and that specific writ is returned.
- **Return of the Writs (May 31):** Following the count of all votes, excluding any judicial recounts, the writ of election for each district is returned to the Chief Electoral Officer.
- **MLAs Confirmed (June):** As soon as possible after the return of the writs, the Chief Electoral Officer produces a report which confirms the Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) that have been elected. This is the confirmation of the election result, and kicks off the transition of the incoming government into office.

For more information about the preliminary voting results, visit [Elections BC](http://electionsbccnr.blob.core.windows.net/electionsbccnr/GE-2017-05-09_result.html) (http://electionsbccnr.blob.core.windows.net/electionsbccnr/GE-2017-05-09_result.html).

What happens in the meantime?

During the time period before final election results are confirmed by Elections BC, the executive council of government continues. Cabinet ministers (including those that did not seek re-election or who were not re-elected) remain in their positions as caretakers until a new executive council is sworn in.

Government activity is typically very limited during this time as new policy and legislative work awaits the new executive council. However, on issues such as public and environmental health and emergency management, the public can expect the government's full attention to such matters.

To learn more about the general provincial election process and how it affects the public service, check out [Election 2017: Your Guide](https://www.gov.bc.ca/news/2017/0317/election-2017-your-guide) (<https://www.gov.bc.ca/news/2017/0317/election-2017-your-guide>).

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